

Tribal Member Receives National Award From The National Association of Gaming Equipment Management

Submitted by Georgia Ann Harris-Noble

According to a recent telephone interview with Georgia Ann Harris-Noble, an enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Nation, she was “officially” notified that she was a recipient of one of the most prestigions awards in the gaming industry. The Association of Gaming Equipment Management notified Georgia who is the Former Chairman of the Sac & Fox Business Enterprise Board, Inc.that she had been nominated and selected as a “Rising Star” Great Women in Gaming Award for 2010.

The nomination stated it didn’t take Georgia winning this award for many to recognize how much of a proven leader she has been over the years, working tirelessly to improve the lives of Native people in particular the Sac & Fox Nation tribal members. Her experience goes back more than 30 years, but she is being honored as a “Rising Star” since her time working in gaming which began about six years ago.

The majority of her carree has been in Human Resources, Financial Management, Property Management, Acquisition Management, Contract Health Services, Realty and Supply Management while employed with the Indian Health Service in Portland, Phoenix and back to Oklahoma. She has extensive experience planning, developing and implementing a variety of administrative programs.

In 1996, she retired after 30 years of Federal service and six months after she retired she found her way to the Sac & Fox Nation in Stroud, OK. She was contacted by the SFN Business Committee to serve as their Human Resources Director on a “temporary” appointment which lasted two (2) and a half years During her tenure as the HR Director she developed an awards program and developed and conducted training courses for the Nation’s staff. Georgia stated in her interview “If I have acquired some skills and abilities to help someone, whether it be through a job or serving on a board, committee or commission, I’m willing to do that as long as it helps the Sac & Fox people.”

After two (2) and a half years being employed at the Sac & Fox Nation she was contracted as a “consultant” by the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service and provided consulting services for two (2) years to the Federal Agency she retired from in 1996. Once her contract was complete, she was hired by the Kickapoo Nation as Associate Health Director and shortly after was appointed by the SFN Governing Council to serve on the SFN Business Enterprise Board, Inc. the economic development entity managing the Nation’s gaming operations. She was elected as Chairwoman for five (5) years and her term expired in August 2010, but

still continnes to serve on various tribal committees, boards and commissions.

Georgia stated “Her most challenging task was when she was directed by the SFN Governing Council they wanted two (2) new casinos to be built from the ground up in a one (1) year timeframe -a feat for anybody but I tackled it head on as I have done with all of my work.” Her vast experience in management she learned in order accomplish specific goals like the tribal members wanted the first thing you need to do is find the professional people in gaming and bring together other professionals that can come to the planning table with their expertise. We did just exactly this, Mr. Bill Sasser Former Member of the SFN Business Enterprise Board who brought real estate and banking experience and expertise; we had excellent legal advisors; experts in accounting; and certainly but not least the General Manager of the Casino who had experience in construction of a casino from the ground up along with other key casino management members and staff.

The SFN Nation had two (2) new casinos built from the ground up, in just one year-a feat for anybody but Georgia tackled it head on, as she does with all of her work. When she began this new initiative, her interest grew in a fast pace as the work she was doing was to open the casinos. This task is what Georgia says was one of her proudest accomplishments- taking the challenge that was put before me by my own tribal people and being able to in a very limited amount of time see to the end and witness how proud our people were of something that was their vision and it became a reality.

One of the reasons Georgia is so passionate about her work and helping people is her solid foundation of good work ethics taught by her parents. She was raised with a strong spiritual foundation of prayer, whether it be prayer in a Christian fashion or in the Sac & Fox traditional ceremonies. She stated ... “Prayer is my foundation and that’s what my parents instilled in my. Be good to people, shake hands, and smile because that may the only good thing that person may experience in a day. It costs absolutely nothing to be kind to people regardless of what they carel/like you or not always be respectful. My spirituality is very much who I am”.

One of the driving forces that keep Georgia going is simply her own heritage because she Sac & Fox, Native American woman and witnessed the end result, day in and day out of the success of



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Indian gaming and the resources that provide services to her people. These resources weren’t there before Indian gaming and it has helped our people to improve the quality of their lives. She is a grass root tribal member and she has seen the end results of her efforts to fulfill the directive from the SFN Governing Council.

And others have seen Georgia’s efforts, D. Michael McBride, Chairman of Crowe & Dun levy’s Indian Law and Gaming Practice Group, said: “I have known Georgia for nearly a decade. She been an incredible dynamo in developing and expanding the Nation’s gaming program. She is someone that I look to for wisdom and guidance on a number of issues.” In addition, Former General Manager of the Sac & Fox Nation Casinos Mr. Glen Coleman said “When most people would think that they have devoted their lives to tribal service, this little “energized bunny” caught her breath and continues to further many Native American causes. She believes in doing things for the right reason - for the tribal people and not herself.”

All “Rising Star-Great Women in Gaming” recipients will be featured in the August 2011 edition of Casino Management magazine. . ~

Tips To Protect Your Home By The Oklahoma City Fire Dept.

Submitted by Dora S. Young

1. Prune, trim and thin trees and brush within 30 feet or more of the house and keep lawns cut.
2. Keep combustible shrubs like cedars and sage at least 20 feet from the home.
3. Remove dead leaves and limbs regularly from gutters.
4. Keep firewood and flammable liquids at least 30 feet away from structures; downhill if possible.
5. Ensure all driveways and roadways on the property are at least 12 feet wide to ensure accessibility by emergency vehicles.
6. Enclose or screen-in all porch, floor, roof or attic openings.
7. Don’t burn illegally. Contact fire officials to see if a planned burn is legal or requires a permit

Thank You

On behalf of our family I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to so many of our friends and relatives during the recent loss of my son, Perry Lavaire LeClair. A special “thank you” to my Uncle Thomas Morris, Jr. and Aunt Beatrice for overseeing the wake service; my brother Edgar Butler and all his helpers for taking care of our traditional ceremony; to Brianna Wakolee, Head Cook and her helpers my sisters Vera Grant, Lisa Fixico and Andra Kay Harrington, and my nephew Jacob Manatowa-Bailey for preparing Mother Earth for my son’s final resting place.

We want to thank those who brought food, monetary gifts, material items, cards, flowers, words of encouragement, warm handshakes/hugs, and to those who had a kind thought for our family during a very, very sorrowful time for us. But most of all we want to thank you for your prayers. May God bless each and everyone of you fourfold for your thoughtfulness.

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Air Conditioning Maintenance Tips

Keeping your air conditioning unit running smooth and cold all season is a breeze if you perform a little regular maintenance on your system.

Change or clean your filters every 30 days.

Dirty air filters are the No. 1 cause of air conditioning breakdowns and they make the system work harder which uses more energy and costs you more on your utility bill.

Change central AC/furnace filters monthly.

Filters cost little more than a dollar or for a small investment you can buy a lifetime filter that you remove and clean rather than changing.

Whichever filter you use, keeping it changed/clean regularly, all year round, will keep your system clean & allow the air to flow.

Most window units have a removable filter behind the air inlet grille that you can take out and rinse monthly.

Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) has paid to repair or replace many central air units. The No. 1 reason the units break down is the air filters were not being changed. This can cost hundreds to thousands of dollars to repair or replace and is preventable at a cost of about \$15 per year for filters.

Keep your condenser coils clean and free of debris.

Central Air systems have a condenser located outside in either a square or round metal housing. The condenser coils should be cleaned regularly or it will get clogged, air will not be able to circulate freely & eventually your air conditioner will not work. To clean, turn your unit off in the house at the thermostat and shut the system off at the control box located outside near the condenser; hose down the condenser making sure all sides are clean and free of debris. Check often during the cooling season; you may need to do this more than once especially if you have cottonwood or other shedding type trees near. Window units should also be kept clean by unplugging or removing them from the window and then cleaning with the hose or at the car wash.

These simple maintenance steps will not only keep your cooling system operating at its best and extend the system life, they will also cut your utility costs.